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DEDICATION
To the Clarke and wider family,

both in the United Kingdom and in Dubai.

To Dolores, Maise, Rebekah,

the Alex's, David Junior, Esther and Arnie,

Isaac and Jess, Elly and Steve,

and to all the grandchildren.

To Irene, Toney,

and all who are related one way or another.

You are loved more deeply than these pages can express, and it is for your sake that this account has been written.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This book is presented as a personal and theological testimony. It contains direct language, difficult subject matter, and first-hand accounts of moral failure, family breakdown, and doctrinal conviction. The views expressed are those of the author and are set forth deliberately, without qualification or accommodation to contemporary cultural norms. The purpose of publication is not provocation, but clarity. Readers are encouraged to engage with the text carefully, examine the Scriptures for themselves, and understand the work as a conscience-driven appeal rather than a detached commentary.

FOREWORD

This book has been written out of necessity, not ambition. It arises from personal experience, family conflict, and a settled conviction that obedience to God must not be surrendered for the sake of peace or acceptance. The author writes as a father, a sinner saved by grace, and a man bound in conscience to the authority of Scripture.

The Father's Mandate does not approach its subject from theory, but from lived reality. It addresses sexual sin, family division, and moral confusion without euphemism or retreat. The reader will find no attempt to soften Scripture to suit modern sentiment, nor to excuse sin under the banner of love. Instead, love is understood as that which is governed by truth.This work will challenge prevailing assumptions within both society and the church. It rejects the idea that consent defines righteousness, or that silence is a virtue when God has spoken. At the same time, it affirms the gospel of grace—that forgiveness, repentance, and restoration are found only in Jesus Christ.The reader is invited to consider these matters seriously, not emotionally; biblically, not culturally; and to weigh whether fidelity to God's Word remains the first duty of a Christian father.

INTRODUCTION

This subject concerns homosexuality, sexual morality, and related issues. It was prompted by a breakdown in communication between my son, David Jr., and me. He chose to stop speaking to me after I shared my belief that homosexuality was more serious than paedophilia—a view which to some people understandably shocked him and others in the family.

This issue first arose within our family many years ago and has since resurfaced in another branch of the family. It continues to cause confusion and distress. Most significantly, those closest to the situation—particularly the mothers involved—appear unsure how to confront or respond to it. Some fall silent, finding it too difficult to discuss, while others seem to accept it without fully acknowledging what I believe are its implcations from a biblical perspective.

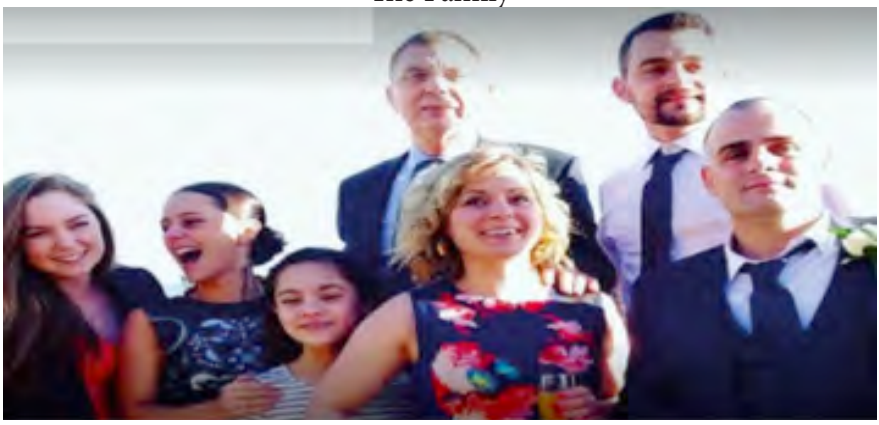
METHOD

In this writing, I intend to address the issues surrounding David—specifically, his sexuality, his behaviour toward the family, and my response to both.

I believe it is important to explain not only what I believe, but why I believe it, so that you may better understand my perspective and how I arrived at it.

My views are not formed merely by personal opinion, but are rooted in my understanding of the bible and years of reflection.
I welcome the opportunity to share my convictions and to explain my understanding of the challenges David's situation has created. None of us desire the division or discomfort that has come from these matters, but I feel compelled to speak honestly, in the hope that clarity and healing might follow.

The Family



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FAMILY GATHERING IN DUBAI

The following talk was originally given to my family in Dubai, when seeking to address the problem of homosexuality that had arisen in the family, shortly before the COVID-19 lockdown. I hope it proves both explanatory and helpful.

CHAPTER 1

David's Junior Past Behaviour

First of all, I must say that I find David's behaviour towards his mother, and his arguments with Esther these past few years, to be unacceptable. I also strongly disagree with the way he has expressed his thoughts, emotions, and actions towards Elly.

It is unfortunate, but David's personal struggles inevitably affect all of us as a family. We are left with the difficult task of responding in a way that seeks the best outcome for everyone involved.

Love – A Foundational Principle

The Bible teaches that love covers a multitude of sins. David needs to understand this principle and put it into practice—loving others, including his mother, sisters, and extended family, and refraining from bitterness or vindictive behaviour.

David's Sexuality

When it comes to David's sexuality and how he has handled it, I believe he has brought certain difficulties upon himself. I have responded in the way I believe to be right and consistent with my understanding of Scripture. In response, he has chosen to cut off communication with me. That is his decision, and he alone is responsible for it.

CHAPTER 2

A Brief History – Christmas 2018.

David visited us in 2018 and cooked Christmas dinner. We had a warm family moment. In 2019, after a disagreement on Facebook regarding his sexuality, communication ceased.

David came to visit us—Dolores, Maisie, and me—at Hayling

Close during Christmas 2018. He had kindly offered to cook the Christmas meal, and he and Maisie worked together in the kitchen. We recorded a video of our Christmas dinner and sent it to Elly and the rest of the family in Dubai.

However, this did not happen in 2019.
We did not hear from David, and he fell silent after posting a question on my Facebook wall, to which I responded.

The Issue Raised

David asked whether I regarded his sexuality as equivalent to being a paedophile. He is my youngest son, and Eleanor's twin, aged 35, and he identifies as gay.

The Fisherman's Rest

The background to this was an occasion in early 2019 when I was meeting friends from Hill Park Baptist Church at The Fisherman's Rest in Fareham. I invited David along at the last minute to join us, and to my delight, he accepted.

Upon arrival, he quickly realised these were not my theatre friends from Titchfield, and he asked who they were. When I told him they were from my church, he immediately stated that he was gay.

An Open Discussion

This led to a discussion in which David raised several questions. During the conversation, the topic of same-sex marriage came up. It was stated that same-sex marriage was unbiblical, and someone remarked that the government might next legalise paedophilia or bestiality.

I felt it was a good evening overall, and David participated actively in the discussion. The topic of Christian conversion was also raised and received well.

David's Facebook Response

Shortly after, David posted a question on my Facebook wall. This was just before Christmas, and I believe my response may be the reason he chose not to join us for Christmas in 2019.

David's Question

"Dad, your thoughts—along with the views of members of your church—on the legislation of same-sex marriage.

Please clarify: do you see me and my sexuality as equivalent to that of an acting paedophile?"

CHAPTER 3

David's History

It is important to understand that David first spoke to me about his sexuality when he was 14 years old. Coincidentally, the conversation took place at The Fisherman's Rest.

David already knew my position on the subject, which I had formed from my understanding of Scripture. I explained to him that I could not approve of homosexuality and gave my reasons. My views were based upon my understanding of the bible which treats all forms of sexual and related sins. Although we disagreed, I made a conscious effort not to let the issue come between us. For more than twenty years, we rarely discussed it, and I respected his personal space. However, I suspect he was disappointed by my answer at the time.

As part of a broader conversation, I raised a question involving a family member, my brother —his Uncle Michael. Years ago, Michael was sentenced to 16 years in prison under Philippine law for activities interpreted as a breach of their child protection legislation.

The law in question—Republic Act 7610—defines "child" as anyone under the age of 18, regardless of local consent laws. Michael's business involved adults (prostitution) who, under UK law, would be considered of legal age. Nevertheless, the authorities classified his actions under child-related offences. This was one form of sexual sins forbidden in the bible.

This case deeply affected the family. While it resulted in a legal conviction and him dying in prison, I believe it is important to distinguish between cultural legal frameworks and the moral realities we understand from Scripture.

I also want to acknowledge my own past. When I was 16, I engaged in relationships with girls who were younger than the legal age of consent. According to UK law today, that would be considered unlawful.

I share this not to excuse anything, but to show how legal standards and moral understanding develop over time. My own journey—from a life of sin to repentance and faith in Christ—has shaped my conviction that all humans can act in immoral ways and through the grace of God experience forgiveness, renewal, and transformation.

These matters are not just theoretical for me. They are personal. And it's precisely because I have experienced both moral failure and spiritual restoration that I feel the weight of these issues so deeply within our family.

CHAPTER 4

Child Abuse – Isaac And Esther, 1984

As you know, I became a Christian many years ago. I turned my back on a life of crime sexuak immorality and sought to follow Christ. However, my walk with the Lord has not always been smooth. I went through many personal and spiritual struggles, and there was even a time when I withdrew from church fellowship over matters of conscience.

One particularly painful memory is connected to the man Ken Knight. While we were living in Aylesbury, he exposed Isaac and Esther—then just 5 and 3 years old—to explicit content on a computer in his garden shed. To me, this was clearly a form of abuse. Another branch of sexual sin.

I reported the incident to the police, but they were unable to proceed further due to a lack of sufficient evidence. It was a deeply frustrating outcome, but one I had to accept at the time. Without witnesses or corroboration, the authorities could not take the matter forward.

I then brought it to the attention of Ken's family and the churches he attended. Through this process, I came to appreciate the importance of churches maintaining strong standards of discipline and accountability, particularly concerning the Lord's Table. Ken had been part of

churches that practised open communion, which in my view lacked the necessary spiritual safeguards.

Some of our fellow believers felt that my anger was excessive and urged us to show more forgiveness a matter that I thought was inappropriate. While I understood their sentiment, I believed that the situation demanded clarity, truth, and protection for the vulnerable.

Many years passed, and in 2005 (20years), I encountered Ken Knight again—this time at Uncle Michael's funeral at Bierton Chapel. You were all there: Isaac, Esther, Elly, Dolores, Auntie Margaret, Chris, David and his partner Andy, James Gold, Joanne, and Joshua.

I managed to speak to Ken privately. He acknowledged his wrongdoing and told me that he had sought God's forgiveness. Isaac, however, was visibly upset. He confronted Ken and told him plainly that he did not want him near and warned him to stay away.

That funeral gathering was filmed, and the video remains available on YouTube. It captures a moment in our family history that reflects both the pain we've experienced and the difficult moral and spiritual decisions we've had to face.

Obituary Michael John Clarke

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEBjtaaa7c8

Michael Obituary 2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnMTlPKTQ2g

CHAPTER 5

Our Move To Fareham

Looking back, one of the key turning points in my life came in 1987, when we moved from Luton to Fareham. At the time, we were unable to sell our house, which meant I had to live away from the family for a period of 18 months. During that time, I stayed in lodgings on my own, and it was in that season of isolation that my faith faltered.

I turned away from God in unbelief. That spiritual decline soon affected not just me, but your mother as well. We both drifted, and I eventually fell into adultery—a sin that broke our marriage apart. This being anothe branch of sexual sin. It is one of the great regrets of my life, and I speak as someone who understands first-hand the moral and relational destruction that sin can bring.

Restoration and Change

In 1993, I came to the end of myself. Burdened by guilt and a deep sense of failure, I cried out to God for mercy. By His grace, I was

granted the gift of repentance and faith. Slowly, I began to rebuild my life, seeking to live according to God's Word and to restore what had been broken where possible.

By that time, your mother had moved on and was engaged to Tony. I eventually married Helen. Though things did not return to how they were before, I was thankful for the second chance at life that God gave me. I am not proud of the past, but I share it openly because I believe that truth and transparency are part of what it means to walk in the light.

CHAPTER 6

The Knowledge Of Michael's Conviction

It was in 2001, after learning of Uncle Michael's conversion—his turning from a life of crime to faith in Christ while in prison in 1999—that I felt it was right to publish our shared story in my book *Converted on LSD Trip*, as many of you know.

In that book, I tell of my own conversion: how, on 16th January 1970, during an LSD experience, I encountered God in a life-changing way. From that moment, everything began to change. I realised that my life had been completely out of order, and I no longer wanted to live the way I had before. God opened my eyes to the truth, and I knew I needed to walk a different path.

Our Past Lives

In our early years, both Michael and I had lived lives marked by all kinds of immorality—a range of sexual sin, theft, violence, drug use, and criminal activity. As sinners, we indulged in these things without guilt or restraint. But by the grace of God, both of us were brought to repentance.

Michael's Testimony 1995

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBwk-s1qyFk

If you haven't already heard it, I encourage you to listen to Michael's own testimony. He recorded it from prison in 1995, and it is still available on YouTube. It gives a powerful account of how God began working in his heart long before his circumstances changed on the outside.

After My Conversion

After my conversion, I began reading the Bible for myself. I wanted to know who Jesus really was—why He lived, what He taught, and what the message of the Gospel truly meant. I longed to understand how a person could be forgiven, come into a relationship with God, and be saved from the judgment due to all our sins.

David's Testimony – Bierton Chapel, Aylesbury

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCjyZuD70_o

On 5th June 1983, while we were living in Bierton, I had the opportunity to share my testimony publicly at a meeting held at Bierton Chapel. I invited everyone who had known me during my former life—including Grandma, Uncle Michael, Gill, and your mother, who was there with Isaac and Esther. Ray Thrussell came, as did Moreland Hughes, and even Michael's and my probation officer from the 1960s.

Amazingly, the entire meeting was filmed. It was a providential moment—not just for me, but for all of us as a family. You are all visible on that video, and it now serves as a lasting record of what God did. The recording is still available on YouTube for anyone who wishes to see it.

Turning Point and Spiritual Decline

It was after that public meeting that things began to go wrong for us as a family. Not long afterwards, the incident involving Isaac and Esther occurred—a painful moment that left lasting consequences. As I have mentioned earlier, I also fell away from God during this period

into unbelief and sin.

In 1990, after we had moved from Luton to Fareham, I entered into a time of spiritual decline. I turned away from the Lord and fell into open sin (adultary). This caused great harm to our family and brought about consequences that I deeply regret to this day.

And yet, even in my failure, the grace of God did not abandon me. In time, He restored me once again and began the work of bringing me back from a sinful way of life. It is only by His mercy that I was recovered and given another chance to walk in truth.

CHAPTER 7

Where My Beliefs Come From

As you know, I believe that adultery, same-sex relationships (including same-sex marriage), fornication, bestiality, and paedophilia are all morally wrong. While society may categorise them differently, I see them each as contrary to God's design and clearly addressed in Scripture.

Where Does My Understanding Come From?

You may ask, where did I learn that these things are wrong?
How did I come to the conclusion that homosexuality, sex outside of marriage, and other forms of sexual behaviour are sinful?

The answer is simple: from the Bible.

It is the Word of God that has shaped my understanding of sin and morality—not my upbringing, not my emotions, not the culture around me. The Bible speaks clearly on these matters, and it also explains why such actions are harmful—not only spiritually, but also personally and socially.

My Beliefs on Moral Conduct

If you want to understand my reasoning, you must understand that it is rooted in Scripture. The Bible instructs us not to participate in or affirm behaviour that God has called sin. This includes not only

sexual immorality, but also theft, lying, blasphemy, hatred, slander, and murder.

These things are not just socially problematic—they are spiritually destructive. And while all of us have sinned in one way or another, the call of God is to turn away from such things.

CHAPTER 8

Back To David And The Fisherman's Rest

Returning to David and the question he posed to the men from our church—the group who meet regularly at The Fisherman's Rest—his concerns stirred discussion among us.

One of the men responded to David by email and expressed that he would be willing to talk further with him about the matters he had raised. I, too, made an effort to engage with David constructively. I sent him several educational videos I had recorded on these subjects, hoping they would offer some insight into my understanding and biblical reasoning.

In response, however, David sent me a video that appeared to make light of the issue. It carried a satirical tone, suggesting that society ought to be warning children about straight people. To me, this seemed to trivialise a serious subject—one that I have spent years reflecting on with much personal cost, both emotionally and spiritually.

SHOULD WE WARN OUR KIDS AGAINST STRAIGHT PEOPLE

SHOULD WE TEACH KIDS
ABOUT STRAIGHT PEOPLE?
BBC
The Mash Report
Hello, I'm here to talk to you
GUIDANCE: Contains strong language
I'm here to talk to you about

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2421429528135664&ref=sharing

DAVID JR.'S POST AND OUR VIDEO EXCHANGE

At one point, David Junior shared a satirical video titled "Say No to Hetero" by comedian Catherine Bohart from The Mash Report. He posted it on social media, seemingly in response to the views I had been expressing.

The Death Of Martiage

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxUCCNlXtFtky-3bQ2ptLCMi3YGAr7xZ_R

The video, which appears to mock traditional biblical values by suggesting that heterosexual relationships should be questioned in the same way some people question same-sex relationships, was—at least from my perspective—a way of trivialising a serious issue. While I understand the use of humour in public discourse, I felt this video downplayed the gravity of the moral and spiritual matters we were discussing.

My Video Responses to David Jr.

In response, I shared several videos that I had personally recorded and compiled over time, aiming to explain my understanding of marriage, sexuality, and biblical morality. I posted these on David's social media wall with the hope that he would view them and consider the scriptural reasoning behind my position.

The videos I shared included:

"The Death of Marriage" playlist

"A Change Is Gonna Come"

"Aslan and Same-Sex Marriage"

"Same-Sex Marriage 2 – David Clarke Senior"

Each of these videos was intended to explain the Christian view of marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman, grounded in Scripture and reflective of God's design for human relationships.

David's Response

David's response to my videos and earlier messages included content that I found both provocative and deeply troubling.

First, he appeared to mock heterosexual behaviour in his comments, reinforcing the tone of satire present in the video he had previously shared. But what followed was far more serious. He recently posted a disturbing video showing a transgender person being brutally killed

and transported in a wheelbarrow. Alongside it, he commented that this individual "didn't live by your Bible's rules."

He then went on to write something even more shocking. Referring to biblical teachings about judgment, he said:

"But your Bible says those condemned shall go straight to hell for eternal damnation."

He continued, asking:

"I wonder… perhaps she had it coming? Were those people just carrying out God's work?"

And finally:
"Am I going to hell for my 'lifestyle choices'?"

I wasn't entirely sure what he meant by this or what the intent of the post was—whether it was rhetorical, angry, sarcastic, or a cry for clarity. But I tried to understand it and consider how best to respond.

My Response to David

The first thing I noticed about the video David sent—depicting the transgender person being transported in a wheelbarrow after being brutally killed—was that it had absolutely nothing to do with Christianity. There was no reference in the video to Christian beliefs or actions, nor any claim that the killers were Christians.

So I was left wondering—why did David bring the Bible into it?

To me, the individuals responsible were clearly evil, acting with cruelty and hatred—like so many others across the world. Their actions were not representative of the Christian faith, nor of the God I believe in. They were simply an example of human wickedness, which we see in every nation, religion, and culture. That is fallen sinful humanity

CHAPTER 9

Why Did David Bring Christianity Into The Subject?

David asked a profound and emotionally charged question: "Am I going to hell for my lifestyle choices?" He posted this alongside a disturbing video and appeared to link the violence in that video with Christian teaching on hell and damnation.

At first, I wasn't sure why he brought Christianity into the picture. But on reflection, it became clear that he struggles with the idea of divine judgment—specifically, the biblical teaching on hell. Since he raised the question, I feel it's right to respond clearly and biblically.

My Answer to David on the Subject of Hell

David, and anyone else who may be reading this, I want to answer your question not from emotion, but from Scripture.

People are not condemned simply because of their lifestyle choices—whether that be homosexuality, adultery, or any other sinful conduct. Rather, the entire world—all of us—are already under the condemnation of God because we are sinners by nature and by choice.

Yes, the Bible teaches that damnation exists. People are not damned for other people's sins, but for their own.

There is salvation from sin, death, and hell. That salvation is found in the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

All who believe in Him, trust in Him, and turn from sin to Him have their sins forgiven. They are no longer under judgment, but receive eternal life.

Salvation is deliverance from sin, not a licence to continue in it. Whether it's theft, lying, adultery, same-sex relations, or any other manifestation of our fallen nature—these are the fruits of a heart estranged from God. But the Gospel offers a way out.

We Live in a World Governed by God

This world, whether we acknowledge it or not, is under the rule of God. Nothing happens outside of His sovereign will. All people, all nations, and all events—including tragedies and global crises—fall under His governance.

Consider the coronavirus pandemic. It may be an evil, yes—but even it is under the hand of God. As Psalm 91 reminds us, *those who dwell "under the shadow of the Almighty" are promised protection, He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*
2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
We live in a fallen world, and we are not immune from suffering. Sickness, disaster, fear, and death are all part of this broken reality. That's why it is right to be concerned about our future, our condition, and most importantly—our standing before God.

Unless we are restored to Him, we will die in our sins. That is not a harsh threat—it's a sober truth found in Scripture.

Modern Christianity Has Drifted

Much of what is called "Christianity" today bears little resemblance to what the Bible teaches. In fact, it has become a kind of religious atheism—retaining a form of godliness, but denying its power (2 Timothy 3:5). It robs God of His holiness, justice, and truth.

That's why we must return to a faithful reading of the Bible—not relying on watered-down translations or culturally approved messages

that dilute the truth. We must teach our families the fear of the Lord and the beauty of His ways.

Hell Is Real — But So Is Mercy

Yes, hell is real. But so is grace. Those who call upon the Lord will experience the forgiveness of sins and the assurance that they belong to the family of God. When this happens, the desire to live according to God's moral rule becomes natural—not burdensome, but joyful.

A Call to Fathers, Families, and Faith

We live in days of moral confusion. That's why we need Christian men—fathers, brothers, leaders—to teach their families the ways of God. We cannot entrust our moral compass to the philosophies of this world, to secular governments, or to those who have no knowledge of God. They do not speak from truth.

We must look to the Word of God—to Christ—to guide us in how we live, how we teach our children, and how we respond to the challenges of our time.

CHAPTER 10

The History Of David Jr. And James Gold

You will recall that James Gold came to live with you and your mother at Appleton Road after I had left the family and turned away from God in unbelief. At some point during that period, something took place between James and David—something I did not learn about until much later, when David told me directly.

At the time, David was 15 years old.

Later, I was contacted by Social Services. They informed me that James Gold was listed on their risk register and that, if he were ever to come to our home at Hayling Close while Maisie was living there, they would have grounds to remove her from our care. However, they would not tell me the specific reason for their concerns. It was evident that it related to sexual sin.

Uncovering the Truth

I was determined to understand what was behind this warning. Through further investigation, I spoke with Joanne—James's partner at the time. She told me that Social Services had previously been involved in a case concerning James and her son, Joshua, when Joshua was very young.

The police had also been involved in that matter, but were unable to take legal action because they could not proceed solely on the testimony of a minor.

I learned from David that James Gold had an homosexual relationship with him, which afterwards he resented. David had been abused, not that he acknowledges it, but he said it was consensual. David was 14 or 15 and James Gold a grown man. It was an example of paedophilia.

Reporting the Matter and What Followed

I reported the situation to the police, but David refused to make a formal statement. He maintained that the relationship had been consensual and that he had been of legal age at the time. In doing so, he effectively shielded James Gold from legal scrutiny.

However, had David told the truth—that he was under 16 at the time—it would have been recognised as a criminal offence. James could then have been formally investigated and, if appropriate, charged.

I was upset with David—not because of what had happened in the past, but because he wasn't honest with the authorities when it mattered most. His refusal to give a truthful statement meant that the police were powerless to act. A proper statement could have prevented further harm, protecting others from similar abuse.
Realising the authorities couldn't intervene, I felt I had no choice but to take matters into my own hands. I sent word through Joanne that I wished to speak with James directly. Soon after, James disappeared. To this day, none of us have seen or heard from him again.

It reminded me of the earlier case involving Ken Knight and our own

children, Esther and Isaac, back in 1984—another instance where wrongdoing could not be dealt with legally because of the limitations of the justice system at the time.

Now Back To David

David emailed me after the Fisherman's Rest incident, he then asked me about Hell and damnation wondering was he going to hell for his lifestyle choices.

CHAPTER 11

Other Responses To David's Question

I sent David the reply that one of the members of the church had sent me about David, which will conform I am not alone in my views.

Church Members Email To David Response One

Hi David,

I don't recall anybody saying "next they will Legalise PEADOPHILES". However, there ARE moves from certain pressure groups to do so; as well as other groups trying to have the term "bestiality" removed so that they can "marry" their pets e.g. in California in particular!

The argument being promoted regarding paedophilia is to maintain it as the term for "abuse" but not for "love" of children. This is not new, the argument has been around for certainly 3 decades to my knowledge and they argue from the standpoint that this is a "normal" response and those people involved truly love children in an erotic way therefore they should be permitted to have sex with them as a normal process just like any other "adult" relationship and also be able to marry them!

You will no doubt recall that was the original stance, albeit originally a quiet one, from the gay lobby and see where that has taken the country.
It either takes longevity i.e. oldies like you and I to know about these issues or for someone to search the internet these days, to find these things and they are not on the "dark web". If I remember correctly, it was only about 10 years ago that there was an outcry in the press for

it was discovered that the husband of a female labour politician was involved with a group who advocated just this (children).

Scripture and history actually reveals that these things aren't new, Both the Romans and Greek's were heavily into homosexuality along with bestiality and sex with children or as we have coined the term today, paedophilia! Was Rome told it was wrong and unnatural, yes they were but only by the Judea Christian Church who understand God's hand and "God's best" for man whom He created. He did not make us to have sex with animals or children, the human bodies were created different enabling us to procreate. The sexual urge from men in particular, has driven man into the need for sexual pleasure or gratification, this is nothing new, "temple prostitutes" come to mind not only for sexual gratification but as an act of worship!!!!
I would love to be able to "talk", not lecture, or pontificate with David but I suspect that may not be possible at the moment. I fear he heard something that evening that wasn't raised, maybe it was in the back of his mind or it was a glib remark regarding the way politics works – louder the pressure group the faster they cave in! He is, quite naturally, defensive of his position but the best I can do is to continue praying for him and seeking God to make the breakthrough on his life.

I sent this reply to Dave but I got no reply, and I think it was David who posted a BBC comic video on my Face Book wall, asking should we teach children about straight people. See the video.
See you tomorrow morning. Church member.

Another Response About David For Irene His Mother

So, No David, No reply but a message from Irene Holloway, David Jr.'s. mum.

From Irene Holloway

Hi David, just catching up.

Esther cancelled coming for Christmas and now is coming. Really wanted Dave to come but he can't.

Anyway just to say if you fancy a break with Dave and the girls when it's warmer your welcome to stay.

To be honest (following our last conversation). You will seldom find someone who theologically agrees with you. I think Corinthians 13 is by far most enlightening. We have a journey through life which defines us both historically cultural, and through our inherited DNA and acquired biology. Loving one another goes way beyond these personal boundaries. So the apostle Paul points that to love one another is the greatest of these.
Isolation is not good for you. So enjoy the church food and find common things you can share if you can.

Brain scans reveal that brain pathways are formed and reformed through childhood and that combine with inherited DNA pre-disposes us. Many prisoners are found to be dyslexics. Socio-paths share a Common factor of an enlarged hypothalamus as with paedophiles.

Your friends argued with David if you allow gays then you allow paedophiles. Gays become gays within the womb and up to three months after birth when there is a Huge rush of testosterone or the lack of it.

The Swedish penal system operates on a non judgement approach. Seeking to re-educate and are closing prisons. Compassion should therefore
be shown to all. The real issue is if society is at risk of an individuals behaviour then restraint is needed.

Early societies needed to enlarge populations so being gay was seen against the ideal. As was disability or racial identity. Thus these were seen as negative therefore evil.

Of course you can see that I don't believe in the scriptures being faultless without man's own historical and cultural perception, no one is born in a vacuum and these shape thinking.

So you can see that it would be difficult for Christians to cope with

my views (through their lack of tolerance) And I would not seek to harm my brother or sister with my views until they hurt those that are vulnerable.
Believing I am absolutely right is a fundamental conceit. We all see through a glass dimly. Whether believing or non believing.

In general I have found some Christians incredibly smug and feel more at ease with those prepared to be more honest and open minded.
Of course I wasn't always like I am now and it's true the more you know the less you know and there but for the grace of God.

I have a wonder friendship with Margaret and Steve built up from our time together. When I had cancer Margaret got into debate which neither of us fared well but decided our friendship was of more value.

In closing don't be isolated. Find if you can friendship- but don't flog a dead horse!

So again if you can cope being offered friendship by this reprobate you are welcome to come for the weekend.

Wishing you a happy healthy new year. IH

So you can see we have a range of views expressed here, not all the same and at variance, and it is untrue that I would not find many people sharing my views, although I am finding very few Christians holding the biblical views as I do.

CHAPTER 12
Conclusion

It is only now, as David seeks acceptance for his choices, that the matter has come to a head. This, in my view, reflects a wider pattern within the gay community—seeking public affirmation for what the Bible clearly calls sin. Those who hold to Christian convictions must not allow such acceptance to take root within the church.

Sadly, very few churches today teach the truth about moral issues such as homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and fornication. Secular society increasingly presents these behaviours as normal, and schools rarely address the moral dimension of such practices. As believers, we must step in where truth is lacking.

Those who truly know God have a responsibility to speak out, as I have done—not because we are better or more holy, but because we know what it means to be forgiven. I speak as one who has been rescued from sin and brought into peace with God. That same forgiveness is available to all who repent and believe.

Morality cannot be defined merely by mutual consent. Just because an act is consensual does not make it righteous. Take, for example, the case of David and James Gold—David was 15, James was 45. Or David and Helen, whose adultery, though consensual, was still morally wrong. Or when Elly came to live at my house in Hayling Close—it was not right for her and her boyfriend to fornicate, even if both agreed to it.

The same principle applies to Uncle Michael and his involvement in prostitution. The consent of the women and their clients did not make it morally acceptable. And in the church, when entire congregations agree to ignore or even affirm practices that God forbids—such as homosexuality or female eldership—mutual agreement does not make what is wrong become right.

MY FINAL WORD

I believe this erosion of moral clarity has happened largely because many Christians have remained silent. They've embraced the idea that "God loves everyone just the same," and that Jesus has already paid the debt for all—homosexuals, adulterers, paedophiles, liars—so there's nothing to worry about.

But that belief is a lie. It is the deceit of Satan and a symptom of a church that has drifted from the truth.

Yes, God loves—but His love is not indiscriminate. The Bible teaches that God has set His love upon those who are in Christ—chosen before the foundation of the world. Out of this love, He sent His only begotten Son into the world that He created, to redeem those whom He would save. It is written Jacob have I loved Esau have I hated,

Jesus lived a righteous life and died a sacrificial death on the cross, crucified by sinful men. After His resurrection, He appeared to His disciples and commissioned them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Why? Because it is through the preaching of the Gospel that the Spirit of God works in the hearts of those who are predestined to be saved. God regenerates them, grants them faith, and enables them to call upon the Lord. Those who do so—and are baptised—shall be saved.

They who follow Christ, believe His Word, and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

FURTHER PUBLICATIONS

LET CHRISTIAN MEN BE MEN

David Clarke

Originally published as *The Bierton Crisis (1984)*, this deeply personal and theological account traces the journey of David Clarke—minister, church secretary, and committed member of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church, a historic Gospel Standard cause founded in 1832.

This book documents a significant crisis that shook the foundation of the Bierton Church in 1984. As doctrinal errors and questionable practices crept into the fellowship, David stood firm in proclaiming the doctrines of grace—particularly Particular Redemption—and affirmed that the gospel of Christ, not the Law of Moses, is the believer's rule of life. His stance led to a withdrawal of fellowship, yet the church never terminated his membership, desiring his return.

David's testimony not only exposes the theological and ecclesiastical struggles within the church but also chronicles the unexpected closure of the Bierton chapel in 2002, while he was engaged in gospel mission work in the Philippines. Upon returning to the UK, he dis-

covered that a new, unelected group of trustees had taken control of the chapel, denied his rightful membership, and ultimately sold the historic building as a domestic property in 2006.

This book is both a warning and a call: a warning against doctrinal compromise and a call for ministers and believers to ground their faith and practice in Scripture alone—not tradition, not personal opinion, and not the fear of man.

Let Christian Men Be Men is an appeal to return to biblical conviction, gospel clarity, and godly courage—so that men may truly stand, teach, and live as Christ's ambassadors in an age of confusion.

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CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP

David Clarke who had a three-year career of undetected crime, experienced a "Christian conversion" whilst suffering from the effects of LSD, he told Aylesbury magistrates, on Tuesday. After wrestling with his conscience for a year, he confessed to 24 crimes, and gave information leading to the recovery of over £1000 worth of stolen property. In court he pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a £500 colour television set from an old peoples home, a £20 spray gun, and a hydraulic jack. He asked for 21 other charges to be taken into consideration, including stealing a builders shed, two cars, and an electric arc welder, two other TV sets, two compressors, and a road trailer. Clarke (21) of Fitzmere Crescent said that his reputation in the town had been that of a man who was enjoying himself. "I used to sell drugs to young people, and indulge in permissive sex" he declared.

Seeking Truth

"Religion to me was rubbish, and for sissy people who could not stand on their own feet", he said.

David Could these boys do any real wrong ? Michael

"Within my heart I was searching for truth, and a meaning to life". He had good prospects of getting on in life he went on but "I was not satisfied with what I had, I was greedy, selfish and boastful". Clarke had been using pep pills and marijuana since he was 16 he told the court, but it was after taking LSD that he experienced what he described as, "a major thing in my life". He described the "torment" he suffered, as a result of taking the drug, and went on "I warn any young person who hears my testimony, "The effects of LSD are so bad, and I warn you to stay clear". While in this condition he said he, "Called on the name of Jesus" and his torment went from him.

Voice Of Christ

"Jesus Christ spoke to me as clearly as I speak here today saying, "David, I am with you". he said. "What you have been going through is nothing compared to what hell is like"

Mr Murray, of Manor Crescent Wendover said he was habitually sceptical of sudden conversions, and preferred to put them to the test of time. The time, which had elapsed, since Clarke's profession of faith had convinced him that this young man would now be salt and light to society". "He is in truth, a new man, and had experienced what Christ called a second birth". Murray said Clarke now put himself out to be of assistance, read the bible intensely, always carried a New Testament, attended a wide circle of churches and would spend hours in discussion on spiritual things.

Difficulty

Clarke's difficulty during the months spent deciding how to make amends for his past had been the problem of accusing himself, without slandering ou others...

Continued inside

David Clarke

This book is not about drug use—it is about deliverance.

On the 16th of January 1970, during a terrifying LSD trip, I was confronted with the reality of my own sin and the judgment of God. In desperation, I cried out to the Lord Jesus Christ—and He saved me. That night marked the end of a life of crime and the beginning of a

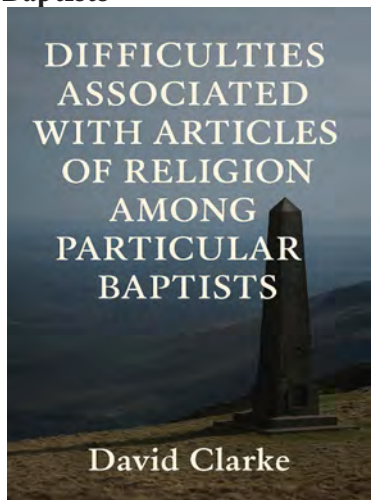
journey of faith, repentance, and transformation that would take me far beyond anything I had imagined.
At the time, I was virtually illiterate. I had left school with no qualifications, been sent prison in Dover Borstal, and lived in rebellion against God and the law. After my conversion, I taught myself to read using the King James Bible and classical Christian literature. That education shaped my mind and my convictions, leading me eventually to become a lecturer in electronics, teaching in colleges for over 20 years.

But the heart of this book is not about my teaching career. It's about the saving grace of God, the power of the gospel, and the reality that no one is beyond hope. It's a testimony for the broken, the backslider, the addicted, the imprisoned, and those who think they've gone too far. It is also a warning to any who treat eternal things lightly.
Though I fell into sin and unbelief again in the early 1990s, God restored me through repentance and drew me back as told in *The Fall Dspiration And Recorery,* Since then, I've sought to tell everyone—especially my former students and friends—that the Lrd Jesus Christ still saves. I write to you as one who has walked in darkness and has seen the light.

My prayer is that this story will challenge you to think, cause you to reflect, and point you to Christ. This is not entertainment. It is a declaration of truth. And the truth is: Jesus still saves sinners today.

DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH ARTICLES OF RELIGION

Among Particular Baptists



David Clarke

This book has been written for those who find themselves troubled, confused, or even discouraged by the Articles of Religion—or Confessions of Faith—that are often required for church membership among Particular Baptists.

Throughout church history, believers have sought to express their shared understanding of the faith through creeds and confessions. While such documents can be helpful in clarifying doctrine, they can also become stumbling blocks when their language is unclear, their assertions go beyond Scripture, or when they demand an advanced theological understanding that many sincere believers may not yet possess. This is especially true for those new to the faith or those whose consciences are bound by the Word of God alone.

Drawing on personal experience, the author highlights the challenges faced when joining a Particular Baptist church, particularly in regard to conflicting or historically ambiguous articles of faith. The events surrounding the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church in the late 20th century serve as a case study—demonstrating the real pastoral and theological difficulties that can arise when church membership is restricted by confessions that are misunderstood, misapplied, or internally inconsistent.

Yet this book is not a rejection of Articles of Religion altogether. On the contrary, it affirms their importance when rightly used. The aim is not to cast off doctrinal clarity, but to call for honesty, humility, and scriptural fidelity in how churches apply such confessions. The book offers a comparison of four historical Baptist confessions, discusses controversial additions, and explores how such documents should function in the life of a church governed by grace and truth.

May this book serve as a helpful guide to those who, with a sincere desire to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, wrestle with the tensions between confessional loyalty and biblical conviction. Let it also be a call to church leaders to handle such matters with care, patience, and a deep understanding of the Gospel of Christ.

Isaiah 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

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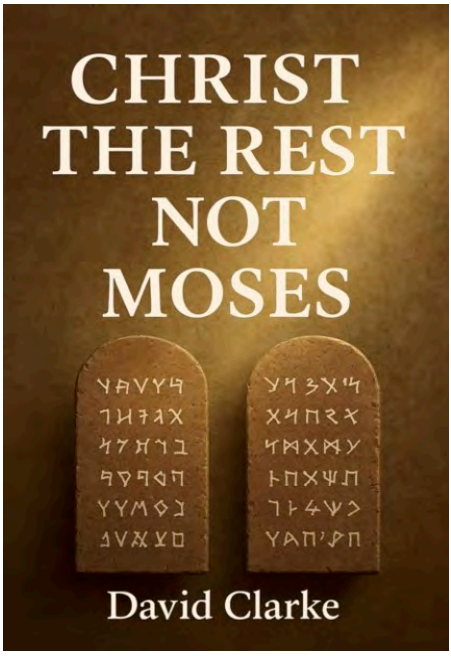


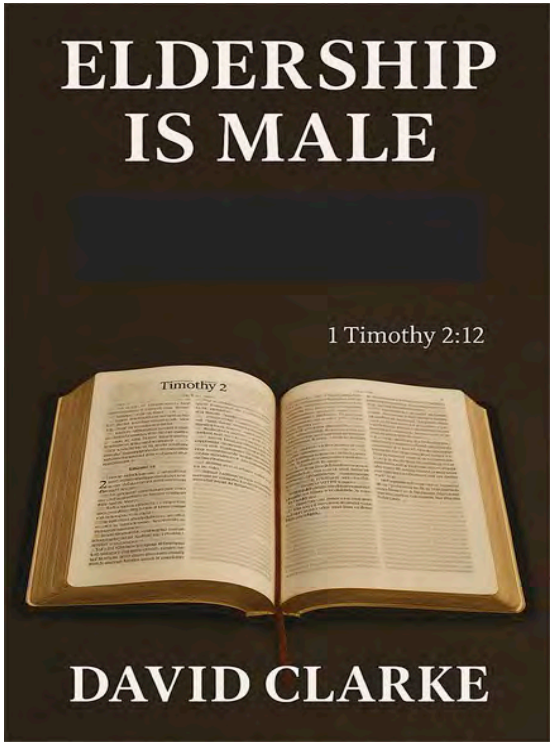
By David Clarke
Author of Converted on LSD Trip

"Let us labour therefore… to enter into that rest." – Hebrews 4:11

What is the true rest promised to the people of God? Is it found in observing days and laws — or in Christ Himself?
In this bold and thought-provoking work, David Clarke draws from Scripture and personal experience to confront a foundational issue at the heart of Christian doctrine: justification by faith alone.
Clarke, once rejected by a Gospel Standard minister over his understanding of Hebrews 4, writes not to stir controversy, but to call believers back to the simplicity and power of the gospel. With a serious

tone, pastoral heart, and unwavering conviction, he urges readers to turn from legalism and shadows to the finished work of Christ.
Written especially for those who love the doctrines of grace, yet feel isolated or misunderstood, this book is a call to clarity, courage, and confidence in the rest that is found in Christ — and Christ alone.
This is not merely a theological issue. It is a matter of liberty, peace, and the very ground of our standing before God.

ELDERSHIP IS MALE

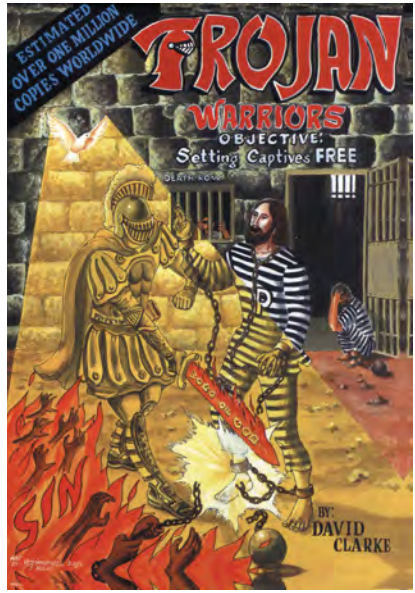


ONLY A WOMAN CAN BE PREGNANT

Does the Lord Jesus Christ Want Women to Rule as Elders in His Church?
In a world increasingly shaped by cultural shifts and ideological pressure, the Church is not immune to confusion regarding gender roles

and spiritual authority. In Eldership Is Male, David Clarke takes a bold, scriptural stand on one of the most controversial issues confronting the Church today: should women serve as elders?
Originally sparked by a real-life confrontation within his local church, Clarke documents his personal journey, correspondence, and theological reflections surrounding the attempt to appoint women as elders—an act he believes directly contradicts biblical teaching. Drawing from Scripture, historical context, and his own experiences, the author lays out a clear, uncompromising case for male eldership as designed by God and established by Christ through His apostles.
The alternative subtitle, Only a Woman Can Be Pregnant, serves as a provocative reminder of biological and biblical distinctions—truths increasingly denied or dismissed in both society and the Church.
This book is a clarion call for Christians to return to the authority of God's Word, resist the tide of modern compromise, and faithfully uphold the doctrines delivered once to the saints.

TROJAN WARRIORS



Setting Captives Free
Authored by Mr David Clarke CertEd, Authored by Mr Michael J

Clarke

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Trojan Warriors is a true story of two brothers, Michael and David Clarke, who are brought up in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. They became criminals in the 60's and were sent to prison for malicious wounding and carrying a fire arm without a license, in 1967.

They both turned from their lives of crimes in remarkable ways but some 25 years apart, and then they worked together helping other prison inmates, on their own roads of reformation.

David the younger brother became a Christian, after a bad experience on LSD, in 1970, and then went on to educate himself and then on to Higher Education. He became a baptist minister and taught electronics for over 20 years, in colleges of Higher and Further Education. Michael however remained untouched and continued his flamboyant life style ending up serving a 16 year prison sentence, in the Philippines, in 1996, where he died of tuberculosis in 2005.

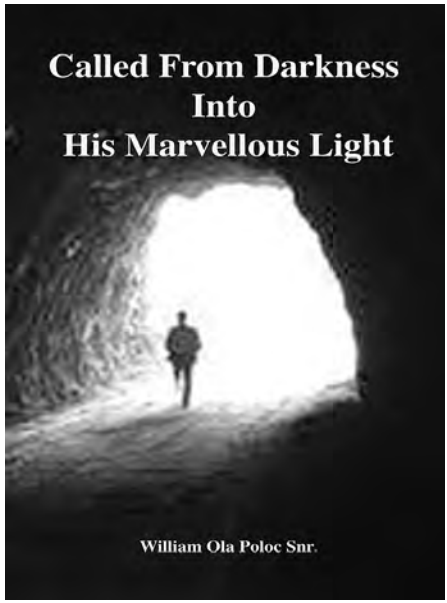
When David heard the news of his brothers arrest on an ITN television news bulletin he felt compelled to wrote their story. And then when he heard of his own brothers conversion from crime to Christ, after serving 5 year of his sentence, he published their story in his book, "Converted on LS Trip", and directed a mission of help to the Philippines to assist his brother. This book tells the story of this mission.

They then worked together with many former notorious criminals, who were inmates in New Bilibid Prison, who too had become Christians and turned their lives around. This help was to train them to become preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ .

This book contains the 66 testimonies of some of these men who convicted former criminals, incarcerated in New Bilibid Prison. They are the, "Trojan Warriors", who had turned their lives around and from crime to Christ. Twenty two of these testimonies are men who are on Death Row scheduled to be executed by lethal injection.

Revelation 12 verse 11: And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death.

CALLED FROM DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT



William Poloc

William Poloc was once an inmate of New Bilibid Prison in the Philippines, having been sentenced to 14 years for the crime of homicide. Yet it was during his time in prison that the Lord Jesus Christ called him to repentance and faith. Turning his back on a life of sin, William began to read the Holy Scriptures and study theology. In time, he came to understand and embrace the doctrines of grace, and he was soon teaching the gospel to his fellow inmates.

I first met William in October 2001 while visiting New Bilibid Prison, where I was serving as Director of the Christian mission, Trojan Horse International.

Upon his release in August 2002, William was commissioned by Trojan Horse International and sent back to his home city of Baguio to preach the gospel to the inmates of Baguio City Jail and Benguet Provincial Jail.

In October 2002, I travelled to Baguio City Jail in my capacity as Mis-

sion Director and as a sent minister of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptists. There, I had the privilege of baptising 22 inmates who had been truly converted—from crime to Christ—through the ministry of William Poloc. I also baptised a further 8 souls at Benguet Provincial Jail who likewise testified of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. These remarkable events coincided with the final worship service ever held at the Bierton Strict Baptist Chapel in the United Kingdom, which took place on 22nd December 2002.

Over the past two decades, Brother William has faithfully laboured in the gospel ministry. As his testimony shows, he has continued to preach and teach the Word of God, and has established what is now known as the Baguio Christ-Centred Churches.

We give thanks to Almighty God for His wondrous works in the salvation of sinners, and for raising up faithful men like William Poloc, who proclaim the message that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15, KJV).

David Clarke
Director, Trojan Horse International
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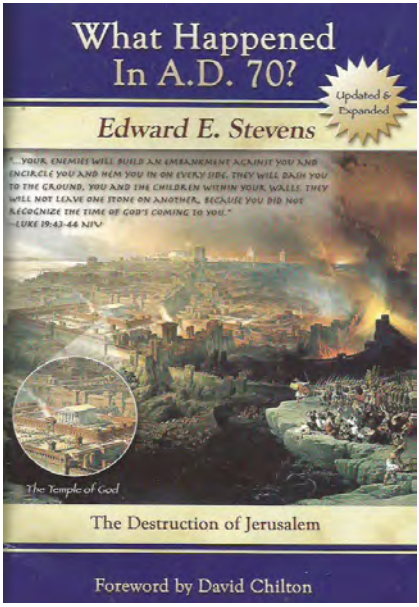
WHAT HAPPENED IN A.D. 70


What Happened In A.D. 70?
Updated & Expanded
Edward E. Stevens
"...YOUR ENEMIES WILL BUILD AN EMBANKMENT AGAINST YOU AND ENCIRCLE YOU AND HEM YOU IN ON EVERY SIDE. THEY WILL DASH YOU TO THE GROUND, YOU AND THE CHILDREN WITHIN YOUR WALLS. THEY WILL NOT LEAVE ONE STONE ON ANOTHER, BECAUSE YOU DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE TIME OF GOD'S COMING TO YOU."
-LUKE 19:43-44 NIV
The Temple of God
The Destruction of Jerusalem
Foreword by David Chilton

Ed. Stevens

This book introduces a view of Bible prophecy which many have found extremely helpful in their Bible study. It explains the end time riddles which have always bothered students of Bible prophecy. It is a ***consistent view*** which makes the book of Revelation much easier to understand. It establishes when the New Testament canon of scripture was completed, demolishes the liberal attack on the inspiration of the New Testament, and is more ***conservative*** on most other issues than traditional views. And there is ***no compromise*** of any essential Biblical doctrine of the Christian faith.

The key to understand any passage of scripture has always been a good grasp of the historical setting in which it was originally written {***audience relevance***). Two thousand yeas from now our history, culture, politics and language will have changed dramatically. Imagine someone then having to learn the ancient language of "American English" to read our USA newspapers! If they saw one of our political cartoons with a donkey and elephant, what would they think? How would they go about understanding it? Not only would they have to study the language, but also our culture, history, politics and

economics. The same applies to Bible study. If we are really going to understand what all the "donkeys and elephants" (beasts, harlots, dragons, etc.) Symbolize in the book of Revelation, we will have to seriously and carefully study the language, history, culture and politics of the First Century. Of course, the truths essential for salvation are couched in simple language that everyone can grasp. But there are numerous scriptures in the Bible which are "hard to understand" (cf. 2 Pet 3:16), and Bible prophecy is one of those things which must be approached with much more focus on the original historical art cultural context (audience relevance)

One of the main purposes of this book is to provide a closer look at the historical framework behind the New Testament. Many have found it helpful to lay aside (at least temporarily) the legion of speculative opinions about the book of Revelation, and look at a more historical alternative, which is that ***the book of Revelation was written to the first century church and had primary relevance to them.*** It warned of events that were about to happen in their lifetime, and prepared them for the tribulation and other events associated with the End of the Jewish Age.

Atheists, skeptics, Jew, Muslims, and liberal critics of the bible use the supposed failure of those end times events to occur in the First Century to undermine the integrity of Christs and the inspired NT writings.

Non-Christian Jews laugh at this supposed non-occurrence, and use it as evidence that Jesus is not the Messiah. Their forefathers in the flesh rejected Jesus in His first coming because He did not fulfill the Old Testament prophecies in the materialistic and nationalistic way that they were expecting, even though Jesus told them that His Kingdom was not of this world, and that it would be within them instead. Yet it seems that many futurists today are expecting that same kind of materialistic and nationalistic kingdom to arrive at a future return of Christ Are they making the same mistake about the Second Coming that the Jews made about His first coming? Jesus repeatedly said His Kingdom is "not of this world" and that it would "not come with observation." It is a spiritual entity, and it has arrived We live in it. Both futurist Christians and non-Christian Jews need to realize this.

Christians are finally beginning to seek alternatives to the fatally

flawed ***futurist*** interpretation. This book introduces the Preterist view. "Preterist" simply means past in fulfillment It means that Christ has already fulfilled His promise to return and consummate redemption in Himself and His ongoing spiritual kingdom (the church). We should be like the noble-minded Bereans and "search the scriptures daily to see whether these things are true" You might want to have your Bible open alongside as you read

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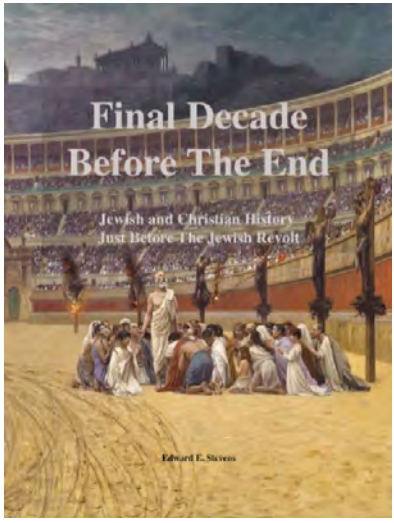
FINAL DECADE BEFORE THE END



Ed. Stevens

Ever since the booklet, **What Happened In AD 70?** was published in 1980, there have been constant requests for more detailed information about the Destruction of Jerusalem and the Jewish, Roman, and Christian history associated with it. Over the years since then I have studied Josephus, Yosippon, Hegesippus, Tacitus, Suetonius, Eusebius, the Talmud, Midrash, Zohar, Pseudepigrapha, Church Fathers, Apocrypha, Dead Sea Scrolls and other Jewish/Christian writings, trying to determine exactly what happened, when it happened, and the effect it had upon the Church.

Then in 2002, after I began to promote J. S. Russell's view of a literal rapture, the demand for historical documentation of the fulfillment

of all eschatological events dramatically increased. That forced me to dig much deeper. So in 2007 I put together a 21-page chronology of first century events. Two years later in 2009, we published a more substantial 73-page manuscript entitled, First Century Events in Chronological Order. That helped fill the void, but it did not go far enough. It only increased the appetite for a more detailed and documented historical reconstruction of first century events.

The book of Acts does not give a lot of details about the other Roman and Jewish events that were happening while Paul was on his various missionary journeys. For those events, we have to go to the other contemporary Jewish and Roman historians such as Josephus and Tacitus. The closer we get to AD 70, the more important all of those Jewish and Roman events become. They form an important backdrop behind the Christian events, and show how all the predictions made by Jesus were literally fulfilled. Every High Priest and Zealot leader that we encounter from AD 52 onwards are directly connected with the events of the Last Days. Things are heating up, not only for the Christians, but also for the Jews and the Romans.

Paul on his missionary journeys was clearly following a plan which was providentially arranged for him by Christ: (1) to plant new churches among all nations and not just Jews, (2) appoint elders and deacons in every church (Acts 14:23; 1 Cor. 4:17), (3) write inspired epistles to guide them, (4) instruct his fellow workers to "teach these things to faithful men who would be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2), and (5) establish the Gentiles in the Church and make them one united body with the Jews (Eph 4). Everywhere Paul went, he followed this pattern. We see this clearly as we study the historical narrative in Acts and Paul's other epistles that were written during this time. These are essential patterns that the apostles evidently bound upon both Gentile and Jewish Christians, and which were intended to be the pattern for all future generations of the eternal Church (Eph 3:21; 2Tim 2:2).

We begin our study by looking at the most likely dates for Matthew (AD 31-38) and Mark (AD 38- 44), and then proceed to the first three epistles of Paul (Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians), which were written on his second missionary journey (AD 51-53). Including these five books in our study allows us to date all twenty-seven books of our

New Testament, and show how the NT canon was formed and completed before the outbreak of the Jewish War in AD 66. The study of New Testament canonization in itself is a good reason for reading this work, without even looking at the historical fulfillment of all of the end-time prophecies that we document here.

After looking at the dates for those first five books, we then move on into the third missionary journey of Apostle Paul which began in AD 54. It was during this final dozen years (from AD 54 until AD 66) when the birth pangs and signs of the end started increasing in both intensity and frequency, along with a quickening pace of NT books being written. We show how 19 of our 27 NT books (70 percent) were written during those last five years just before the Neronic persecution (AD 60-64). The Great Commission was finished, and the rest of the end-time events predicted in the Olivet Discourse were fulfilled during that time of "tribulation" upon the church and the "days of vengeance" upon the unbelieving Jews (Luke 21:22).

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